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To be Let,
On Ground-Rent for ever,

SUNDRY Lots of Ground adjoining this Town. The Ground will be ſhewn, and the Terms made known by Mr. OLIVER PRICE in Alexandria, or the Subſcriber.

DAVID GRIFFITH.

Alexandria, Feb. 24, 1785.

Leertouwer, Huyman,
And
Huiberts,

Have imported in the laſt Veſſels from Holland,

SUperfine, middling and coarſe broadcloths, German oſnaburgs, Ravens. duck, Ruſſia ſheeting, ditto drilling, fine and coarſe Dutch linens, calicoes, chintzes, coarſe hats, diapers, checks, ſilk handkerchiefs, gauzes, a variety of ribbons, laces, half bleached ſewing thread from No. 16 to 28, fine Scotch ditto from No. 16 to 50, nonſopretties, tapes, ready-made ſhirts, worſted ſtockings, 8 by 10 window-glaſs, nails of all ſizes, padlocks, coffee-mills, candleſticks with handles, lamps with ditto, ſhovels, hatchets, frying-pans, chafingdiſhes, trevits, gridirons, ſmoothing-irons, table knives and forks, chopping-knives, powder, ſhot, all kinds of paints, glaſs and queen's ware, blue and white coffee-cups, Dutch gin in caſes and jugs, French cordials in large and ſmall boxes, Frontigniac wine in caſes of 12 bottles.——They have alſo for ſale continental rum in hogſheads, tierces and barrels, and a variety of other articles, which they intend to diſpoſe of on the moſt reaſonable terms, by wholeſale only.

Alexandria, Feb. 15, 1785.

Juſt imported from London, and to be Sold by Wholeſale, by

William Deakins, jun.

At his Store in George-Town, the following Articles, viz.

SUperfine, fine and coarſe broadcloths, duffils, Bath coatings, fearnoughts, powder, ſhot, barlead, candles, ſoap, camblets, corduroys, black alamodes, ſilk and linen handkerchiefs, cloth cardinals, Iriſh ſheetings, dowlas, Iriſh linens, pewter baſons, diſhes and plates, tin and glaſs ware of all kinds, bed tickings, German oſnaburgs, brown rolls, thread and ſilk ſtockings, gauzes, cambricks, diaper tablecloths, working canvas, black ſilk florentines, rich brocaded luſtrings, faſhionable bonnets, ditto ſilk cardinals and ſhades, worked muſlin aprons, ſaddlers' ware and tools, lump ſugar, double and ſingle refined ditto, all kinds of teas, ginger, ſulphur, nails of all ſorts, guns, andirons with braſs heads, locks, hinges, deſk furniture, braſs chafingdiſhes, candleſticks, ſpades, pickaxes, ſeveral pair of faſhionable pint ſilver cans, faſhionable ſet knee-buckles, gold ſleeve-buttons, mens' and womens' gloves, blond and thread lace, a great variety of oſtrich feathers, ſeine twine, ſaltpetre, &c. &c.

February 14, 1785.

NOTICE is hereby given to whom it may concern, that I intend to apply to the next General Aſſembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to have a deed recorded that I got from JOHN MOXLEY, of Loudon County, for a tract of land in Hampſhire County, on Patterſon's Creek, for which I have paid the whole conſideration, and miſſed having it recorded through my ignorance of the laws of the ſaid Commonwealth.—The ſaid John Moxley was to have made me a deed, but was prevented by death. CONROD MYRE.

February 10, 1785.

Juſt received, and to be Sold on the moſt reaſonable Terms, at the Printing-Office,

A Variety of elegant PAPER-HANGINGS.

Samuel H. M'Pherſon,

At Meſſieurs Hooe and Harriſon's Store, No. 7,

HAS for ſale, Port wine, porter, cheeſe, ticks of feathers, and a pretty general aſſortment of European GOODS, cheap for caſh, country produce, officers, ſoldiers, and any kind of liquidated certificates.

Alexandria, Feb. 23, 1785.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED or ſtolen from the Subſcribers ſome time in May laſt, a bay MARE, about fourteen hands and an half high, ſix years old, branded G R, though not eaſily diſcerned, with a ſtar in her forehead, a ſmall ſnip in her noſe, the right hind footlock white, has a number of grey hairs round the root of her tail, and is a natural trotter. ——A bay horſe COLT, one year old, was loſt at the ſame time, and is ſuppoſed to have been taken off with her.——Whoever delivers the ſaid Mare and Colt to the Subſcribers, ſhall receive the above reward, or Ten Dollars for either.

RICHARD ARELL,
GEORGE MASON.

Alexandria, Jan. 28, 1785.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

WAS taken away from the Subſcriber's Plantation, on Shenandoah, Berkely County, near the Blomary, a likely young Virginia-born NEGRO WENCH, about 17 years of age, full-breaſted, remarkably black, round-faced, and upwards of 5 feet high: She took with her a coarſe white linſey jacket, a ſtriped linſey petticoat, a white linen coat and apron, a white handkerchief, ſtraw hat, very ordinary ſhoes and ſtockings, and was brought up to plantation work.—She was taken off by GEORGE LEWIS, a Dutchman, who ſpeaks broken Engliſh, and formerly lived at Alexandria, but of late was a waggoner to Capt. Brady: He is a ſhort thick fellow, of a pale complexion, and has light brown hair; had on when he went away a pea jacket lined with white flannel, a pair of breeches of the ſame colour, and a felt hat half worn.—Whoever apprehends the ſaid Fellow and Wench, and ſecures them ſo that I get them again, ſhall receive the above reward, and reaſonable charges paid if brought home. BENJAMIN RANKINS.

Feb. 13, 1785.

TEN GUINEAS REWARD.

RAN away on the 21ſt of January laſt two Engliſh ſervants, viz. WILLIAM CASEY, about five feet ſeven or eight inches high, twenty-eight years of age, by trade a bricklayer; his head is rather large, has brown ſtraight hair, and a ſcar on the left ſide of his chin.—WILLIAM HUBBLE, about five feet ſix inches high, twenty-ſix years of age, by trade a bricklayer, and has dark brown hair ſometimes tied.—They have been at Alexandria and ſold ſome of their clothes and tools.—Whoever apprehends the ſaid Men, and gives notice to EDWARD VIELLER, at Annapolis in Maryland, ſhall receive the above reward, or FIVE GUINEAS for either of them, and all reaſonable charges.

Feb. 3, 1785.

WHEREAS ſundry perſons from Alexandria have made a practice of going on my land and cutting wood, and have alſo been dealing with my Negroes, I do hereby give this public notice, that I have employed a man to guard my property, and that any perſon found treſpaſſing, or dealing with my Negroes in any manner whatever, ſhall be proſecuted with the utmoſt rigor.

THOMAS H. HANSON.

Feb. 14, 1785.

ALMANACKS,

For the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Five, may be had at the Printing-Office, Alexandria, Wholeſale and Retail.

Juſt Imported from London, in the Brigantine Fitzhugh, and now opening for Sale by

Robert Alliſon,

A Large and general Aſſortment of DRY-GOODS, ſuitable for the preſent and approaching Seaſon, which will be Sold on the loweſt Terms for Caſh, Tobacco, Flour and Wheat.

Alexandria, Feb. 15, 1785.

THE Subſcriber has on hand about Eleven Hundred Pounds, ſterling, worth of MEDICINES, SHOP-FURNITURE and SURGEONS INSTUMENTS, a large proportion thereof not yet opened, and all imported from Europe within eight months paſt; which quantity being found much too large for the common demand of this place, he will divide the whole with any gentleman in want of ſuch a ſupply, and ſell one half at firſt coſt by the invoice: —Any perſon inclining to purchaſe will find the Medicines well aſſorted, and laid in on as advantageous terms as any that have been imported ſince the peace; and they may be divided for the moſt part without breaking packages.—The other half he will retail by the pound, for ready money or ſhort credit, at an advance of 25 per cent. on the original coſt, which is conſiderably lower than they are ſold by retail any where on the continent.

W. BROWN.

Alexandria, Feb. 8, 1785.

For Sale on the Premiſes, under the Will of the late Rev. Mr. JOHN SCOTT, upon Thurſday the 14th Day of next April,

TWO TRACTS of LAND, lying on Town-Run and Elk-Run in the lower end of Fauquier County, and joining on Brenton; the one containing 832 acres, the other 678; conſiderably more than one half of theſe Tracts of Land is ſtill in woods, there being on the firſt but one plantation, on the other two, one of which is ſmall; they lie level, and the ſoil is good, and well adapted to the culture of tobacco, Indian-corn, and wheat; there is a meadow on each tract, and more may be made, there being a conſiderable quantity of low ground fit for that purpoſe; the ſituation is about 25 miles from Frederickſburg, 18 from Dumfries, and 30 from Alexandria; poſſeſſion will be given to the purchaſer of the larger tract immediately, and of the other at the end of the year, with 4000 lb. of crop tobacco, for which it is rented for the preſent year only.—One fourth of the purchaſe-money to be paid when poſſeſſion is given, the remainder in four annual payments, the purchaſer giving bond with approved ſecurity, bearing intereſt from the date.—Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe may ſee the lands before the ſale by applying to Mr. Henry D. Hooe, who lives in the neighbourhood.

Alſo for ſale upon the premiſes, on Thurſday the 21ſt of April next, 1200 acres of LAND on Wolf-Run in Fairfax County, about 16 miles from Alexandria, and 15 from Colcheſter; two-thirds of this land is in woods, the ſoil fertile, and exceedingly well watered; there are ſeveral orchards and other ſmall improvements on it, and the whole is at preſent rented for 4500 pounds of crop tobacco.—The terms the ſame as the foregoing, and the lands will be ſhewn by Mr. Edwards in the neighbourhood.—Any perſon inclinable to treat privately for either of the above tracts of land before the day of ſale will pleaſe to apply to the Subſcriber.

ELIZA SCOTT, Executrix.

Prince-William County, Feb. 14, 1785.

☞ For Sale at Fauquier Court-Houſe, on Monday the 20th of March next, ſeveral high bred Fillies of the Arabian, Fearnought and Liberty breed, a young Bay Horſe ſuitable for a carriage or the ſaddle, and ſeveral blooded Colts.—Six months credit will be given, the purchaſers giving bond with approved ſecurity, bearing intereſt from the date if not punctually paid, E. SCOTT.

RICHMOND, January 1.

In the House of Delegates, Wednesday the 17th of November, 1784.

RESOLVED, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that acts ought to pass for the incorporation of all societies of the Christian Religion, which may apply for the same.

The resolution being read a second time, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House. —Ayes 62. Noes 23.

An ACT for incorporating the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

WHEREAS the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, by their petition presented, have requested, that their Church may be incorporated, Be it enacted by the General Assembly, that every minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, now holding a parish within this Commonwealth, either by appointment from a vestry or induction from a Governor, and all the vestrymen in the different parishes now instituted, or which hereafter may be instituted within this Commonwealth, that is to say, the minister and vestrymen of each parish respectively, or in case of a vacancy, the vestry of each parish, and their successors for ever, are hereby made a body corporate and politic, by the name of the minister and vestry of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the parish where they respectively reside; and by the name, stile, and title aforesaid, they and their successors shall for ever lawfully have, hold, use, and enjoy all and every tract or tracts of glebe land already purchased, the churches and chapels already built, with the burying-grounds belonging to them, and such as were begun and contracted for before the first day of January in the year 1777, for the use of the parishes, with their hereditaments and appurtenances, and all books, plate, and ornaments, appropriated to the use of, and every other thing the property of the late established Church, to the sole and only proper use and benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the parish where the respective ministers and vestries reside (except the glebe in the county of Augusta, the rents or profits arising from which that are now due, or that shall become due, until a sufficient number of the professors of the Church now incorporated by this act, shall be formed into a society in the said county, shall be, by the overseers of the poor, applied to the repairing the church and church-yard, and for the support of the poor of the said county); and where the property is situate and being, agreeable to the true intent for which it was purchased or given; and by the name, stile, and title aforesaid, they shall be capable in law to hold, maintain, and recover all their estates, rights, and privileges, and to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all suits, controversies, causes, actions, matters and things, in any court or courts of law or equity whatsoever, and shall have one common seal and perpetual succession.

Provided always and be it further enacted, that in all proceedings of the aforesaid ministers and vestries, all matters shall be decided by a majority of votes, and the minister shall in no case have a negative on the proceedings of the said corporation, except where his vote shall be with or make a majority of the votes present at any meeting of the said corporation.

And be it further enacted, that the respective incorporated ministers and vestries of the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall have full power, good right, and lawful authority, to have, take, receive, acquire, purchase, use, and enjoy lands, tenements and hereditaments, and all goods and chattels, and to demise, alien, improve, and lease (glebe lands intended for the minister's residence excepted, and those to lease and improve during a vacancy) the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and to use and improve such goods and chattels to the use and benefit of the said church within their respective parishes, not to exceed eight hundred pounds yearly rent or income, any law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding: And that it shall be lawful for the said ministers and vestries of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to apply any goods or chattels belonging to the said Church, to the purpose of erecting or repairing Churches, or building or repairing dwelling or other houses for the use of their ministers, or schoolhouses, as they shall from time to time think necessary within their respective parishes.

And be it further enacted, that the minister, or in case of absence or vacancy, the church-wardens shall call a meeting of the incorporated body as often as it shall be deemed needful, and seven of the said body shall be a sufficient number to constitute a meeting for the despatch of business, and shall have power (except in cases of demising, or alienation, or leasing, in which cases a concurrence of a majority of the whole shall be necessary) to make such rules and orders for managing all the temporal affairs and concerns of said Church, as they, or the major part of them so met shall agree upon, and shall think most conducive to the interest and prosperity of that Church, and shall have the sole disposition and ordering of all payments of the monies belonging to the said Church, and also the appointing a clerk, a treasurer, and collector, whenever they judge it necessary, and the said clerk, treasurer, and collector at their pleasure to remove, and to appoint others in their stead. All which orders and rules, they shall cause to be fairly entered and preserved in books to be provided for that purpose.

And be it further enacted, that in whatever parish or parishes within this Commonwealth, ministers and vestrymen are wanting to form a body corporate and politic, agreeable to the directions of this act, it shall be lawful for any two reputable inhabitants, members of the Episcopal Church, to call together at some convenient place, by notice duly given, the members of the said Church residing within such parish or parishes, and there elect by a majority of votes, twelve able and discreet men, members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who shall be a vestry to all intents and purposes, and who, with their minister, or during a vacancy without a minister, shall be a body corporate and politic by the same name, and shall enjoy all the rights, powers, privileges, and immunities, as by this act are given to the respective ministers and vestries of the Protestant Episcopal Church within this Commonwealth.

And be it further enacted, that at all future elections of vestries, no person shall be allowed to vote who does not profess himself a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church and actually contribute towards its support. There shall be elections of vestrymen every third year for ever; the first election to be held on Monday in next Easter week, if fair, if not, the next fair day, and all succeeding elections on the same day (except as before excepted) in every third year; which elections shall be held and conducted in the following, manner, viz. The members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall assemble at their respective parish Churches, or at some other convenient place in the parish, on Easter Monday, except as before excepted, every third year, and then and there elect twelve able and discreet men, members of the same Church, who shall, previous to their entering on the office of vestrymen, subscribe in vestry to be conformable to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Two of the vestry so chosen, shall, by a majority of the vestry assembled, be nominated church-wardens, who, or either of whom, and their successors, shall preside at all future elections, shall take care that the elections are conducted in a fair and orderly manner, and shall be judges of the qualifications of electors. And to the intent that vacancies in vestries may be filled up, Be it enacted, that whenever vacancies in vestries shall happen, either by death, resignation, or removal from the parish, the remaining vestrymen, or a quorum of them, shall choose such persons as they may judge proper to supply the office of vestrymen; who, on their subscribing in vestry as before directed, shall continue in office until the next general election of vestries, except they remove from the parish for which they were elected, or shall resign.

And be it further enacted, that the ministers and vestries of the respective parishes, or the person or persons authorised by them to manage the temporal concerns of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the respective parishes, shall and they are hereby required, on the court-day of their respective counties next following the triennial elections, and so continually once in every three years, at the court aforesaid, to exhibit upon oath, an account and inventory of all the estate both real and personal belonging to their respective Churches or religious societies, together with the account of the annual revenue arising therefrom, and in case the vestry of any parish, or the person or persons intrusted with the care of the temporalities of the respective Churches or religious societies of the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall fail to exhibit an account and inventory of the estate and annual revenue of the said Churches respectively, for the space of twelve months after the expiration of the three years, within which time they are hereby required to render such account and inventory; the vestry for the parish thus failing, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds, to the use of the Commonwealth, to be recovered by action of debt in any court of record, and in case the account and inventory shall not be returned at the time appointed after the next general election, the vestry thus failing shall cease to be a body corporate.

And be it further enacted, that in all cases where it shall appear by the account and inventory rendered as aforesaid, that the annual revenue of any Church exceeds the said sum of eight hundred pounds, the court before whom such account is rendered, is hereby required to report the same, together with the account and inventory, by which such excess appears to the executive to be by them laid before the General Assembly at their next session. And to the intent that the Protestant Episcopal Church may be released from those restraints which are yet imposed on her by the laws of this Commonwealth,

Be it enacted, that all former acts relating to the elections, qualifications, powers, and duties of vestrymen, and church-wardens, all former acts for the support of the clergy, all former acts relating to the appointment or qualifications or duties of ministers, all acts enjoining the observance of any particular liturgy or form of worship, the use of any particular catechism or mode of faith, and the observance of fasts and festivals, and all former acts imposing penalties on clergymen for neglecting to keep registers, or neglecting to give notice of any observance or publishing any law, and every other act or clause of acts within the purview of this act, are hereby repealed; and all the vestries within this Commonwealth are on the day before the Monday in next Easter week, declared to be dissolved; and the Protestant Episcopal Church within this Commonwealth are hereby authorised to regulate (in conventions of their Church to be held so often as, and where they think proper, and to consist of a deputation of two persons from each parish, whereof the minister shall always be one, if there be a minister in the parish, and the other person or persons shall be appointed by the vestries) all the religious concerns of that Church, its doctrines, discipline, and worship, and to institute such rules and regulations as they may judge necessary for the good government thereof, and the same to revoke and alter at their pleasure. Forty persons so appointed shall be a convention, and the first meeting may be at the call of any three ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Provided that no rules or regulations shall be instituted that shall be repugnant to the laws and constitution of this Commonwealth, or by which a minister may be received into, or turned out of a parish contrary to the consent of a majority of a vestry.

And be it further enacted, that the ministers and laymen met in general convention shall have full power and authority on good cause to them shewn, to remove from any parish any minister accused of unworthy behaviour, or neglecting the duties of his office.

And be it further enacted, that where it shall have happened, that the present vestries have failed in any parish to lay their parish levy and to make provision for their poor, or other legal demands against such vestry at the time prescribed by law, such vestries having so failed, are hereby authorised to levy on their respective parishes all arrearages due from the said vestry, in the same manner as they might have done before the passing of this act, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

THE General Assembly having been pleased to pass the above recited act, and we the subscribers, having early knowledge thereof, think it incumbent on us to give general and timely notice of the same, that the clergy vestries and other lay members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, may, within the time prescribed by law, avail themselves of those privileges which, by the above act is granted them. And we also inform the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, that a convention will be held in the city of Richmond on Wednesday the 18th day of May next.

MILES SELDEN.
BENJAMIN BLAGROVE.
DAVID GRIFFITH.

LONDON, December 4.

Copy of a letter from the Right Honorable Lord George Gordon, President of the Protestant Association, to the Right Honorable Mr. Pitt, First Lord of the Treasury.

'SIR,

'Several hundred seamen have addressed me today; many of them, lately arrived from India, came in coaches. Acting Lieutenants, Mates, and Midshipmen of the Royal navy are among them. The following is the copy of the generality of their addresses:

'To the Right Honorable Lord George Gordon,
'President of the Protestant Association.
'May it please your Lordship,

'We, the seamen, whose names are underwritten, are able, willing, and ready, to serve the United Protestant States of Holland against the King of the Romans, and all their Popish enemies. And your petitioners will ever pray for Lord George Gordon.

Signed by Edward Robinson, and 34 other seamen, at the Kettle-Drum, Radcliff Highway, November 17, 1784.

'Several officers of distinction in the land service have also applied to me, and offered their services to the States-General, particularly a field officer of Connecticut line, in the province of Massachusetts, and an officer who has lately left the Irish brigade of France, who wished to enter into a service more agreeable, and congenial to his sentiments and principles. Many of the guards have requested to go volunteers. Some Athole Highlanders are on their way to town, who, I make no doubt will engage in the good protestant cause of their High Mightinesses. I acquaint you, as Prime Minister, with these matters, that you may convince Baron Van Lynden of the general good disposition of the people of those kingdoms to comply with his Excellency's request, and to renew again their old friendship with Holland upon the righteous and solid foundation of the protestant interest.

'I am, Sir, with all due respect,
'Your humble servant,
'G. GORDON."

Welbeck-street, Nov. 17, 1784.

Copy of a letter from the Right Honorable Mr. Pitt, First Lord of the Treasury, to the Right Honorable Lord George Gordon.

Downing-street, Nov. 19, 1784.

'My Lord,

'I have hitherto returned no answer to the letters I received from your Lordship on the 17th and 18th instant, because I did not think it my duty to enter into a correspondence with your Lordship on the subject. But having been informed that many seamen have been induced to quit their occupation, in the expectation of being employed to serve against the Emperor, I think it proper to remind you, that whatever steps you have taken, have been without the smallest degree of authority or countenance from his Majesty's ministers, and that it is for your Lordship to consider what consequences may be expected from them.

'I am, my Lord,
'Your Lordship's obedient,
'humble servant,
'W. PITT.

'Right Hon. Lord G. Gordon.'

Lord George Gordon's Answer to Mr. Pitt.

'SIR,

'I received your letter of to-day just now. It was very rude in you not to answer my two letters sooner. I am glad to hear you say that 'many seamen have been induced to quit their occupation, in expectation of being employed to serve against the Emperor.' This shews the seamens hearts are warm towards the States of Holland, and that they wish to lend a hand to assist them against their enemies. As soon as you, and the rest of his Majesty's ministers, are pleased to authorise and countenance these honest endeavours of the seamen to support those protestant states, I will make proposals to the Dutch Ambassador and to the States of Holland, to take them into immediate pay. The consequences may fall on the heads of the King's servants if they advise their Sovereign to take a part against the Protestant interest.

'I am, Sir, your humble servant,
'G. GORDON.'

Welbeck-street, Nov. 19, 1784.

NEW-YORK, February 17.

We are informed that a number of counterfeit French guineas are at present in circulation; they are very badly executed, and may be easily detected from their lightness.

The English newspapers have long continued in an error, touching the commander of the British troops in East-India; on every occasion respecting that service, they mention Lieutenant-General Mathew at the head of the army, instead of Major-General Meadows, who, it will be found, is the identical person described in that line, to have undergone all the violent reverses of fortune, some weeks past intimated to us in the public accounts.—Major-General Meadows acted in this country, under Generals Howe and Clinton, and was well known to, and highly respected by all the military, British and American, during several years of the late contest.

PHILADELPHIA, February 21.

Francis Hughes, mariner, was yesterday committed to goal by his Honor the Judge of the Admiralty, being charged with piracy in running away with the schooner Free-Mason and her cargo, the property of Mr. Charles Travers, on her late voyage from Philadelphia to Hispaniola.

ALEXANDRIA, March 3.

The Ship Helena Capt. Crawford, from Glasgow, via Teneriffe, is arrived in James River. On the 14th of January he spoke with the Brig Sea-Horse, Capt. Simon Davis, from Boston, bound to Barbadoes; on the 19th, spoke with the Three Friends, Capt. Gram, from St. Croix to Georgia, in Distress, whom he supplied with Provision and Water; and on the 26th, spoke with the Brig Patton, Captain William Waters, from New-London for Hispaniola.

By an Act of the last Session of Assembly one Half of the Taxes of 1785, due under the Revenue Law, are remitted, and not the Taxes of 1784, as mentioned in our last.

NAVAL-OFFICE, ALEXANDRIA.

Inward Entries. None.

Cleared Outwards. Brig Richmond, J. Green, for Rhode-Island; Schooner Adams, A. Row, Cape-Ann; Schooner Hope, J. Butler, Boston; Sloop Anchorsmith, G. Dunham, Philadelphia; Ship Iris, T. Cole, Lisbon; Schooner Polly, J. Humphries, Baltimore.

On Saturday next, the 5th Inst. will be Sold at the Vendue-Office, opposite the Court-House,

A Variety of Wet and Dry-Goods, as usual.

C. COPPER. Vendue-Master.

Alexandria, March 2, 1785.

West-India Goods,

Of every Kind, to be Sold on very low Terms, for Cash, Tobacco, Hemp or Flour, by

John Murray and Co.

Also, a few Cags of fine old Coniac Brandy, and Frontigniac Wine in small Cases.

☞ They will exchange a small Quantity of Salt to receive Fish in Payment early in the Season.

Alexandria, March 1, 1785.

N. B. A general Assortment of European GOODS as usual.

Robert Adam,

HAS for sale, old Jamaica spirits, West-India rum, coffee, sugar and cocoa.——Also, a general Assortment of DRY-GOODS, and QUEEN's-WARE, which he will sell on very reasonable terms, for cash or country produce.—He has to let, on Ground-Rent for ever, Twenty-Nine LOTS under the bank, all made ground, between Water and Union streets, and also on the east side of Union-street, and thence running along Princess-street, all of which are very well calculated for trade, and the accommodation of tradesmen, and very convenient to deep water, where vessels of any burthen may load and unload.—The terms may be known by applying to said Adam, Mr. John Lomax, or Mr. William Ward, where a plan of said Lots may be seen.

March 1, 1785.

ALL persons that are indebted to the estate of Doctor WILLIAM RUMNEY, deceased, are once more desired to come and pay off their balances, so that the subscriber may be enabled to pay off the debts due from that estate, those who do not comply with this request, in three months from this date, may expect that suits will be immediately commenced against them.

ROBERT ADAM, Executor.

March 1, 1785.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Mr. THOMAS KIRKPATRICK, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment, or their accounts and bonds will be put into the hands of an attorney; and all those who have claims against the estate are desired to bring them in, that they may be adjusted and paid.

ROBERT ADAM,
ROBERT M'CREA,
JOHN GIBSON,
WILLIAM HUNTER, jun. } Executors.

Alexandria, March 2, 1785.

To be Sold on Thursday the 7th Day of April next, agreeable to the last Will and Testament of William Douglass, Esq; deceased, at his late Dwelling-House, for Ready-Money,

A TRACT of LAND in the Parish of Shelburne, in Loudon County, Virginia, containing 150 acres, near said dwelling-house, formerly purchased of Edward Dulin, whose heir will join in the conveyance, on the purchasers paying to him the first purchase-money, which is infinitely short of the value of the land; at the same time will also be sold for ready-money, 30 acres of LAND called the Smith's-Shop-Field, contiguous to said dwelling-house, purchased of Thomas Awbrey; also 76 acres of LAND adjoining the Smith-Shop-Field, likewise purchased of Thomas Awbrey; and also all the right and title of 535 acres of LAND, purchased of John Sinclair, known by the name of Hawling's-Bottom, on Potomack River, of which the said William Douglass died in possession of only 365 acres; likewise a vacancy of 8 acres adjoining said Hawling's land, for which there is a deed, and 12 acres of LAND more adjoining said 8 acres, lying on the river, purchased of Thomas Awbrey.—The reason that the dwelling-house and other improvements of the said William Douglass, together with 900 acres of land to which they belong, are not now advertised, is that they are included in two mortgages with which the subscriber does not choose to intermeddle until the equity of redemption is foreclosed, as he thinks them encumbered beyond what they will sell for.—The plots will be shewn and explained on the day of sale to such persons as may be disposed to purchase; and as the day of sale has been put off two different times, owing to the badness of the weather, if the above day should be foul, the premises advertised will be sold the next fair day.

HUGH DOUGLASS, Executor.

Feb. 14, 1785.

☞ FOR the Accommodation of travelling Gentlemen and others, the Subscriber will let Boys and Horses.—The Boys can be well recommended, and are acquainted with most of the Public Roads and Towns in Virginia.—Inquire at Messrs. Lomax, Ward, or Wise's Taverns.

ROGER CHEW.

Alexandria, March 1, 1785.

FOR SALE,

A Few Gross of empty Bottles.—Inquire of Capt. ROBERTSON on board the Lilly, or DANIEL and ISAAC M'PHERSON.

☞ A Person well recommended to act as Second Mate of a Ship, will meet with Encouragement by applying as above.

Alexandria, March 1, 1785.

Wright and Long,

Taylors and Ladies Habit-Makers, from Philadelphia,

TAKE this method of informing their friends and the public in general, that they have commenced business at the corner of King and Royal streets, next door to Mr. M'Knight's.—Such gentlemen as please to favor them with their custom may rely on being served with the greatest elegance and despatch.—Said WRIGHT and LONG take the liberty of returning their sincerest thanks to those who have already been pleased to favor them with their commands, and hope, by their skill and attention to business, to merit a continuance of their favors.

Alexandria, Feb. 22, 1785.

To be Sold at Public Vendue, on Saturday the 12th Instant.

A LOT of GROUND in this town, adjoining the lots of Robert Adam, Esq; fronting on Queen-street 20 feet, and extending back 88 feet 3 inches.—The terms will be one half the money in hand and the balance in 6 weeks from the day of sale, and a good and sufficient title will be made by the subscriber.—At the same time will be rented my HOUSE on Princess-street, in the situation it now stands, to the person who will finish it for the shortest Time. ISABELLA ELTON.

Alexandria, March 1, 1785.

THE sale of the LANDS I advertised a few weeks ago, is postponed from unavoidable causes, the Maryland Tract to the 20th of March, and the Virginia Tract to the 2d day of April.—They will then be sold upon the terms communicated in the postscript of the advertisement above alluded to.

PEREGRINE FITZHUGH.

Feb. 27, 1785.

TO BE SOLD,

A Warrant for Four Thousand acres of LAND, on the Western Waters of this State, the property of a late Continental Officer.—For Terms inquire of the Printers.

Left on the Counter of Messieurs Shreve and Lawrason's Store.

AN Auditor's Interest Certificate.—The owner may have it again by applying at said store, and paying the charge of this advertisement.

Alexandria, March 1, 1785.

RAN away from the subscriber a likely young Negro Fellow, named JACOB, about 21 years of age, a brownish complexion, a steadfast look when talked with, big lips, a long high nose, with a scar on the top rather between his eye-brows, from a slight kick of a horse; he walks with his legs close and turns his toes in; is about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, is a very sensible artful fellow, and may probably make his way across Potomack or towards Baltimore, as he has travelled a considerable distance back and endeavoured to get free:—He had on when he went away a coarse brown cloth coat with buttons of the same, with a red plush cape to it, an osnaburg shirt, an old green jacket, and new white country cloth breeches.—Whoever takes up said Negro and secures him so that I may get him again, shall have Twenty Shillings more than the law allows, paid by

SAMUEL MITCHELL.

Charles County, Feb. 23, 1785.

To be Rented for the ensuing Season,

THE Fisheries at Belvoir, one of which is allowed to be one of the best Herring Fisheries on Potomack River,—The other Shores are not much inferior.—For Terms apply to

BATTAILE MUSE.

Berkely County, Feb. 11, 1785.

BY a power of attorney to me directed from Nathaniel Lyttleton Savage, Esq; I am authorised to sell on the 29th of March next, the PLANTATION whereon Mr. Rich Willis lately moved from, lying in the aforesaid County, near Keys's Ferry; it contains Four Hundred acres, has a neat well finished dwelling-house on it, some out-houses, a good spring, a large stream running through it, and about 8 or 10 acres of valuable meadow-ground; the land is good in quality, level and in a neighbourhood of genteel families. The purchaser upon paying half the cash down, and giving bond with approved security for the balance to be paid in six months, will have possession given on the first of January next, and an undoubted title, by

GILES COOK jun.

POETRY.

Verſes written extempore in praiſe of a GOOSE-QUILL.

"THE Quill of a gooſe is a very ſlight thing,
Yet it feathers the arrow that flies from the ſtring,
Makes the bird it belongs to fly high in its flight,
And the jack it has oil'd, againſt dinner, go right.
It brightens the floor when turn'd to a broom,
And bruſhes down cobwebs at top of the room.
Its plumage by art into figures is wrought,
As ſoft as the hand, and as quick as the thought!
It warms in a muff, and it cools in a ſcreen,
It is good to be felt, and as good to be ſeen.
When wantonly waving it makes a fine ſhow
On the creſt of the warrior, or that of the beau.
The Quill of the gooſe (I ſhall never have done,
If through all its perfections and praiſes I run)
Makes the harpſichord vocal, which elſe would be mute,
And enlivens the ſounds, the ſweet ſounds of the flute;
Records what is written in verſe or in proſe,
By Ramſay, or Cambray, by Boyle, or Deſpreaux.
Therefore well did the Wiſe Man thus preach to us all,
"Deſpiſe not the worth of thoſe things that are ſmall."

William Hartſhorne
And
Company,

Have for ſale at their Store in Alexandria,

A Quantity of molaſſes, coffee and muſcovado ſugar, juſt arrived in the ſchooner Virginia, Capt. Davis, from the Weſt-Indies.——They have alſo for ſale, by large or ſmall quantities, alum ſalt, continental rum, bar-iron, ſteel, train oil, mackerel, ſoap and candles by the box, with a variety of dry-goods as uſual.

☞ They give Ready-Money and a good price for Wheat and Indian-Corn.

February 14, 1785.

THE Subſcriber having purchaſed a farm in the upper part of Fairfax County, means to decline the practice of phyſic in Alexandria; he will therefore conſider himſelf much favored if all thoſe who are indebted to him will prepare for an immediate ſettlement:—He will hold himſelf in readineſs to diſcharge any accounts that are againſt him, preſented any time after the 20th day of next month, relying much upon the punctuality of ſuch as ſtand in arrears for his profeſſional ſervices; and he is ſorry to add, that his late engagements will ſhortly oblige him to enforce a ſettlement with ſuch as have a conſiderable time ſhewn too great an unwillingneſs thereto.

☞ He will ſell on very low terms for caſh, wheat or tobacco, his Shop with the greateſt part of his Medicines and Shop-Furniture.

ELISHA C. DICK.

Alexandria, Feb. 23, 1785.

THE Veſtries of the different pariſhes throughout the State, being by an act paſſed the laſt ſeſſion to be diſſolved on Eaſter day next, and the Veſtries being by the ſame act empowered to levy all arrearages and legal demands againſt the pariſhes, notice is hereby given to all perſons having claims againſt the Veſtry of Fairfax Pariſh, that the Veſtry will meet at the veſtry-houſe, near the Falls church, on Wedneſday the 16th day of March next, for the purpoſe of ſettling all claims and levying all arrearages; and all perſons having demands againſt that pariſh, or who have undertaken the care of the pariſh poor, are deſired to attend: And the members of the Proteſtant Epiſcopal Church are hereby informed that an election of veſtrymen will be held at the veſtry-houſe, on the Monday in next Eaſter week, agreeably to the directions of the beforementioned act.

DAVID GRIFFITH, Miniſter.
R. T. HOOE, } Church Wardens.
W. PAYNE, }

Feb. 10, 1785.

All perſons having any demands againſt the Subſcriber are requeſted to bring them in that they may be ſettled; and thoſe whoſe accounts have been long ſtanding, would much oblige him by ſettling them immediately, and thereby prevent trouble and expence.

JOHN LOMAX.

Alexandria, Feb. 10, 1785.

Brenton, Virginia, Prince-William County, Jan. 8, 1785.

On Monday the 4th of April next, if fair, if not the next fair Day, will be offered for Sale, at Mr. William M'Daniel's Tavern, in the Town of Dumfries,

ABOUT 4000 acres of LAND, being part of that noted tract of land, called and well known by the name of the Brenton-Tract; it lies about 17 miles from Dumfries, 30 or 35 from Alexandria, and 28 from Fredericksburg.—At Dumfries the higheſt navigation, there is always a good and ready market for every kind of country produce, and the two laſt mentioned towns are the moſt conſiderable on the two rivers of Potomack and Rappahannock.—This land produces very good tobacco, wheat, corn, &c. is particularly well adapted to farming, being very level, can always be improved with little expence, and is remarked for its ſuperior excellence in producing wheat; there is on it ſome land which may be converted into good meadow land, and 12 or 14 good merchant mills within 30 miles, three of them as nigh as 8 miles.—The tobacco made on the land is eſteemed among the beſt carried to Dumfries, the beſt inſpection on Potomack.—The land will be laid off in lots of 1, 2 or 300 acres.—Three years credit will be given, provided the intereſt is regularly and punctually paid.—Bond carrying intereſt from the day of ſale, with approved and ſufficient ſecurity, will be required.—The land will be ſhewn by the ſubſcriber living on the premiſes.—Several blooded Nags will be ſold at the ſame time.

DANIEL CARROLL BRENT.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the ſubſcriber on the night of the 12th inſtant, a likely black raw-boned country-born Fellow, named WILL, who is very artful and roguiſh, and is ſuppoſed to have been guilty of felony which is the ſuppoſed cauſe of his elopement; he is about forty years of age of the middle ſize, ſtands wide between the knees, and when ſtanding ſtoops in his knees, has long ſlim feet, large ancles, long heels, and has a hump on his breaſt; he is a very handy fellow in plantation buſineſs, drives carriages well, a good ploughman, can ſtock ploughs, underſtands ſtacking and mowing, and can do the common carpenter jobs neceſſary on a plantation; having a variety of clothes his dreſs cannot be deſcribed.—Eight Dollars will be given if taken up twenty-five miles from home or under, and reaſonable travelling charges paid if brought home, and ſo in proportion to the amount of the above reward.—Said Negro is ſuppoſed to be in company with white men on their way to the ſouthern States.

Feb. 14, 1785. LEWIS ELLZEY.

TO BE SOLD,

On Monday the 7th of March next, before Mr. WILLIAM M'DANIEL's Door, in the Town of Dumfries,

TWELVE SLAVES, belonging to the perſonal eſtate of the Rev. Mr. JAMES SCOTT, deceaſed, conſiſting of Men, Women and Children; and on Friday in the ſame week, at Weſtwood, in Prince-William County, the remainder of the Houſhold Furniture, belonging to the ſaid eſtate, conſiſting of tables, chairs, bedſteads, one bed and furniture, a neat pier glaſs, and other articles too tedious to enumerate.—Credit will be allowed for all ſums exceeding Forty Shillings for twelve months, the purchaſers giving bond and approved ſecurity, to bear intereſt from the date, if not punctually paid.

T. BLACKBURN, Adminiſtrator.

☞ Thoſe who have claims againſt the ſaid eſtate are deſired to bring them in, that proviſion may be made for payment; and thoſe indebted to it, either by bond or open account, are requeſted to diſcharge the ſame as ſpeedily as poſſible.

Rippon-Lodge, Feb. 8, 1785.

TO BE SOLD,

A VERY valuable TRACT of LAND, lying on Aquia-Run, in Stafford County, Virginia, not more than one mile from Aquia Ware-houſe, about ſix miles from Dumfries, and twelve miles from Fredericksburg, containing Six Thouſand Acres; it is well watered, abounding with timber, and is calculated for planting or farming.—On this land are ſeveral valuable mill-ſeats, one of which is particularly ſo.—The above will be ſold in lots of two or five hundred acres, as may beſt ſuit the purchaſers.—If ſold by the whole tract three years credit will be given for one half the purchaſe; if in ſmall lots, only one year's credit will be given for one half, the other being paid at the time of conveyance.—For further particulars inquire of the Subſcriber oppoſite to Lower-Marlborough, in Maryland, or to Colonel BAILEY WASHINGTON, near to and adjoining the premiſes, who will ſhew the land.

Oct. 13, 1784. WILLIAM FITZHUGH.

The Drawing of the George-Town ACADEMY LOTTERY is unavoidably put off till the Third Monday in May next.

George-Town, Feb. 2, 1785.

TO THE PUBLIC.

PROPOSALS for printing by ſubſcription, a complete tranſlation of the Odes, Epodes and Secular Poems of Horace, in Engliſh verſe; which as it is the firſt work of that nature ever attempted in America, it is hoped, will meet with every encouragement from the candid and judicious citizens of theſe States. The five books, together with every particular Ode and Epode, are addreſſed to many diſtinguiſhed civil and military characters among us. Beſides the literal tranſlations from the original, there are a number of Imitations and Paraphraſes, entirely adapted to the meridian of this country, and the genius of its inhabitants. It is likewiſe propoſed to publiſh a few poetical tranſlations from *Virgil*, *Ovid*, *Tibullus*, *Anacreon*, and our own *Beveridge*, with two or three modern Latin Odes.—Alſo a number of Original Poems, conſiſting of *Paſtorals*, *Elogies*, *Satires*, *Letters*, *Songs*; *Maſonic*, *New-Year's*, *Birth-Day* and other *Odes*; *Fables*, *Epigrams*, *Epitaphs*, *Rebuſes*; *Diſtichal Panegyrics*, on Ladies of Diſtinction, and other *Poetical Miſcellanies*.—To which will be added a *Paſtoral Drama*, on the Birth-Day of our late Commander in Chief, and the Return of Peace; inſcribed to the Governor of Pennſylvania, with a *Prologue* written by a Lady, a *Critical Preface* addreſſed to the Subſcribers, and an *Epiſtle Dedicatory* of the whole, to his Excellency General Waſhington.

The above work is the production of a young gentleman, late an officer of rank in the American army. It is therefore to be expected that every gentleman civil and military, in the United States, who wiſh to encourage the arts and ſciences in this riſing Empire, will patronize a work, which we preſume, cannot fail to merit their approbation, more particularly as it is a cyon of American growth, and as ſuch is entitled to the countenance and protection of the ſons and daughters of freedom in this weſtern hemiſphere.

Such ladies and gentlemen who are pleaſed to honor this work with their ſubſcriptions, will have their places of abode, names, rank and titles, whether literary, civil or military, inſerted in the book, as laudable encouragers of arts and genius.

CONDITIONS.

This work is intended to be printed in a large handſome octavo volume, on a good paper with a neat type, and to contain between three and four hundred pages.—It will be ſent to preſs as ſoon as five hundred ſubſcribers have ſigned their names. The price to each ſubſcriber will be Three Dollars, a ſum hardly adequate to ſo arduous an undertaking; the half of which is to be paid at the time of ſubſcribing, to enable the printer to expedite the work, and the reſidue at the delivery of the book. It is to be obſerved that no more volumes will be printed than the exact number ſubſcribed for; and they who enter their names for more than a dozen books, will have the uſual diſcount allowed them.

Subſcriptions will be received by Col. Thomas Chaſe, at Boſton; Col. Samuel Wyllis, in Hartford, Connecticut; Dr. Charles M'Knight, New-York; Mr. Iſaac Collins, Printer in Trenton, New-Jerſey; Col. Thomas Proctor, High Sheriff of Philadelphia, Col. Eleazer Oſwald, at the Coffee-Houſe, Meſſrs. Dunlap and Claypoole, Printers, and Major Samuel Nicholas, at the Coneſtogoe-Waggon in Philadelphia; Mr. John Barnaby, Merchant, Head of Elk, Cecil-County; Mr. John Carnan, near the Head of Bohemia; the Rev. Dr. Smith, Provoſt of the College at Cheſter-Town; Mr. James Ryan, Merchant, Mr. William Murphy, Bookſeller, Meſſrs. Goddard and Langworthy, and Mr. Hayes, Printers, and at Major William Brown's, and Mr. T. De Witt's Coffee-Houſes in Baltimore-Town; Meſſrs. F. and S. Green, Printers in Annapolis; Mr. Charles Allen, Merchant in Cambridge, E. S. of Maryland; Col. Fitzgerald, and the Printers in Alexandria; Mr. William Carr and Mr. Richard Graham, Merchants, Dumfries; John Lewis, Eſquire, and Col. William M'Williams, Fredericksburg; Mr. John Stockdell, Merchant, and Mr. James Hayes, Printer in Richmond; Mr. William Knox, Merchant in Peterſburgh, Virginia; and by Dr. Ramſey, Major Weede, and Dr. Fallen, in Charleſton, South-Carolina.

TO BE SOLD,

THREE valuable Negro MEN, well acquainted with the Ropemaking Buſineſs.—Inquire of CHARLES STEWART at Annapolis.

Feb. 9, 1785.

WHEREAS ſome evil-minded Perſon or Perſons have maliciouſly reported that I have given up my Houſe, and quit entertaining Gentlemen—I therefore think it my Duty to inform the Public in general, and my former Cuſtomers in particular, that I ſtill keep my Houſe for the Accommodation of Gentlemen as uſual.

Alexandria, Feb. 9, 1785. JOHN LOMAX.

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